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Water department receives funding for improvement projects

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Water Improvement District has received funding to help with local projects.

Last week, representatives from the USDA-Rural Development and U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego's office, along with local officials, presented the department with a direct loan of \$3,163,000 and

a grant of \$374,000 to be supplemented by \$10,000 from the District to complete water and wastewater collection system improvements.

These funds were approved through the USDA Rural Development Office and the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

District General Manager said Randy Verner, with the local USDA-Rural Develop-

ment Office, "helped tremendously" on getting the funds, along with Velma Fierro, the district's office manager.

"She worked diligently," Meador said of Fierro. "This funding will be used for numerous projects. Without loans and grants like this, we couldn't afford to do these improvements."

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CROCKETT COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT received a direct loan in the amount of \$3,163,000 and grant of \$374,000 from the USDA Rural Development and with help from Congressman Pete Gallego's office. Pictured are: (left to right) County Judge Fred Deaton, Randy Verner with USDA Rural Development, Matthew Hall with Congressman Gallego's office, Velma Fierro and Doug Meador with the Crockett County Water Improvement District, Cole Crenwelge, water district board member, John M. Powell, area director with USDA Rural Development, Commissioner Randy Branch and Chamber Executive Director Shanon Biggerstaff.

Lady Lions win, rain cancels race



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OHS LADY LIONS were the only Ozona team able to run in Saturday's Cross-Country meet at Ozona Country Club. The remainder of the meet was canceled due to lightning and rain. Davy Crockett Days was also canceled Saturday due to the weather. Ozona received .5 inches of rain. Portions of the southwest area of Crockett County received up to 1.5 inches, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

Voters will decide on removal of two Texas Constitution provisions

Editor's note: The following is the first of four-part series on the Nov. 5 State Constitutional Amendment Election. This week, the series looks at Propositions 1, 4 and 3. Information provided by the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Second in a four-part series

Commission advised us to abolish 25 years ago."

Others believe a constitutional amendment to remove references to State Medical Education Board and Fund is unnecessary because they are defunct and no loans have been issued since 1988.

Proposition 8 on the ballot would remove from the Texas Constitution a 1960 amendment that authorized the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County with a maximum tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property, a limit that is below all other counties in Texas.

According to legislative author State Rep. Bobby Guerra, D-Mission, Hidalgo County is the largest Texas county without an operating hospital district and has the highest percentage without health insurance in the US.

"By voting Yes on Proposition 8, Texans will be returning local control to the residents of Hidalgo County. Voting Yes on Proposition 8 will ensure that if a hospital district is created in Hidalgo County, it will be done in

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Lions struggle against Broncos

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

SONORA - The Ozona Lions lost to the Sonora Broncos 34-6 Friday night in Sonora.

"The Sonora game was a tough game because of how bad our kids wanted to win. I was very proud of their effort but disappointed in the fact that injuries and other factors played such a big role in this game," said Coach Edward Perez.

The Lions only touchdown came in the middle of the fourth quarter on a three-yard run by Ricky Porras. Porras carried the ball six times for 47 yards.

Quarterback Jayton Rodriguez completed five of 16



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RICKY PORRAS (right) causes a fumble during Friday's game in Sonora, along with Ryan Porras (21) and Hazael Damian. Ozona lost 34-6.

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'Shale Boom: What Now?'

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

AUSTIN - Counties and towns living in the current oil boom are experience a variety of issues and problems that do not have easy solutions.

This past weekend at the Texas Tribune Festival, the panel discussion on "The Shale Boom: What Now?" offered some discussion on issues counties are facing.

The panel consisted of State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville and State Senator Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, both of whom represent Crockett County, along with State Rep. Myra Crownover, R-Denton, and State Rep. Tracy King, D-



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SHALE BOOM PANEL: (left to right) State Rep. Tracy King, State Senator Carlos Uresti, State Rep. Myra Crownover and State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran at the Texas Tribune Festival Saturday in Austin.

Batesville.

"It's important to keep the policies that have made us one of the biggest oil and gas states in the country,"

Hilderbran said. "If you are anti-oil and gas then you are anti-Texas."

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Be friendly, professional, engaging on Facebook

When starting out on Facebook, it takes time to grow your business's page, and it takes work to engage your fans. Here are some helpful tips for developing your Facebook page.

- Be an expert. Instead of focusing on selling your products and services, use Facebook to share your expertise and grow your credibility. Share tips and tricks about your service and product that an average user wouldn't know.
- Be friendly. When people are using Facebook, they won't waste their time if they don't

feel appreciated. If someone comments on a post on your page, be sure to respond right away. Keep the communication open by being friendly and upbeat. Your enthusiasm for your business will show through.

- Be professional. When it comes to your personal Facebook page, it



BUSINESS TIPS

JESSICA LAMBERT

may be acceptable to misspell a word here or there, or post a random comment about a movie you saw last night, or post your political opinion. However, on a business page, you are always reflecting your brand. Be sure that all posts are grammatically correct and related to your business.

- Be engaging. This may be the most important tip and may be the most difficult to implement. Try asking open-ended questions about a current event related to your industry. Include a poll on your

page. Ask a quiz or trivia question to test your fans knowledge of your industry. Have the winner receive a discount the next time they visit your store.

- Be interesting. The saying "a picture says a thousand words" is absolutely true for Facebook. Posts with pictures are known to result in more interaction. People on Facebook spend a lot of time looking at pictures so don't disappoint them when they visit your page. Post pictures of your product, employees, or events. Videos are a good addition as well, but just keep

in mind that your average user is not interested in anything over 2-3 minutes. The shorter, the better.

- Be there. Business owners who attend our Social Media Marketing seminars often express reluctance to start Facebook pages because they think it will be a waste of time. Those two hours include creating your posts, uploading pictures, responding to any comments, etc. Once you get the page up and running, it will be working 24/7 to promote your brand and attract new customers. If you're still on the fence

about starting your page, remember you get as much out of it as you put in. Invest some time in the beginning to personalize it, create a few interesting and engaging posts, and add pictures. Then be sure to invite your friends and customers to like you and engage in conversation. The sooner you start, the sooner you will reap the benefits.

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Jessica Lambert, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor I, and Certified Training Coordinator of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at jessica.lambert@angelo.edu

Red, blue and big issues

This past weekend, I was able to attend the third annual Texas Tribune Festival on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. While you might say I was in "Horn Heaven," I was also able to meet and learn about lots of issues affecting our state.

After digesting all the information that my brain absorbed this weekend, I have come to the conclusion that I don't want Texas to turn blue or red. I want Texas to work on the issues.

All weekend long, red and blue policies and politicians were prevalent. However, issues were also at the top of list.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

healthcare from U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, knowing that officials were mainly split because of their political parties and not because of the issue.

I found out federal funding is available for our pre-k programs, but Texas is not applying because the governor doesn't like the president. This is becoming a running theme with federal funding and our state. Guess what, our state is missing out and our people are paying the consequences.

If we are to progress as state and as a country, we need to look beyond red and blue.

Most of the people I talked to didn't care if the official was Republican or Democrat, they just wanted their roads fixed or funding for their schools or repairs to their water system. They just wanted their community to be better for the people living there.

Texas is a big state with lots of people, lots of opinions and lots of issues. We won't always agree on everything, but if we disagree wouldn't it be better if it was over the issue and not over the political party?

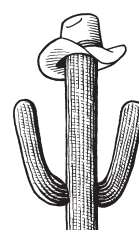
Our governor is touring the country, on our money, to tell other states how wonderful it is Texas. Texas is a wonderful state, but we can make it better if we start showing the rest of the country how we can work together to fix our issues.

Talking to people from other states with similar problems, Texas is getting a lot right but we still have a long way to go in some areas.

After attending this festival, I encourage everyone to become more involved in what our local, state and federal government is doing. The more informed citizens we become, the better we are able to work together in finding solutions to our problems.

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Ties That Bind



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

If you glance through old-time rodeo photos you will see many of the great rodeo cowboys wearing neckties while they competed. Would someone please tell me why a bull rider or bronc peeler would be wearing a choke strap around his neck? Isn't he already taking enough risk without the likelihood of hanging himself? And what about the very real possibility of a team roper getting his necktie caught in his dally?

I am baffled why anyone would wear a necktie in the first place but I've often seen old photographs at brandings and round-ups with cowboys wearing neckties while working, which is the epitome of being overdressed. Heck, Charley Russell himself often painted while wearing a necktie, I suppose so he could clean his brushes on his tie. In my opinion neckties and cowboys are one of the worst combinations ever, even worse than chocolate and dill pickles, drinking and driving, sheep and coyotes, guns and teenagers, cattle feeders and bankers, and bureaucrats and your tax dollars.

I've been having a lot of eye trouble lately but my wife read a newspaper story to me that said researchers have now concluded that a necktie that is on too tight can cause glaucoma in men. I now attribute my eye problems to the last time I wore a necktie, which I think was back in 1997. I'm pretty sure it is also a scientific fact that neckties cut off circulation to the brain and if you

don't believe me, when's the last time you saw a Congressman without his necktie on?

Rich guys who collect ties are called grabatologists and some have entire closets for their ties. Not me, I own three neckties, two of which are clip-ons and the other is a real one that was left behind by a house guest. The latter is easily the most valuable tie in my collection as it is made from something called silk, whereas my other two are petroleum distillates. One of my ties is narrow with red polka dots, one has cows on it, and the third one is wide with stripes, so I figure the odds are I'd be in fashion at least 33% of the time. If I ever wore a tie, that is.

I know this is hard to believe for folks who've seen my sartorial elegance on display but I NEVER go clothes shopping, however, I'm told that some of the fancier ties can cost as much as fifteen bucks! And then you have to match it with whatever you're wearing. Personally, I've never liked the necktie and tee shirt look, or a tie with coveralls. Besides, I can tie a Bowline knot but not a Windsor and I have no idea what kind of ties are in fashion currently. Did you know that in England the stripes on a man's

tie go from top left to bottom right, while a Yank's necktie go from top right to bottom left? Which may explain why when I look in a mirror wearing my striped tie I have a craving for crumpets, speak with a snobbish accent and crave tasteless food.

I am known far and wide in the auction business for not wearing a necktie when some highfalutin folks think the occasion calls for one. My mom always preached to me that I should wear a necktie on all important occasions but I rebelled. She would have killed me for not even wearing one to her funeral, but she wasn't in any position to berate me. Some uppity sale managers think ties should be worn at special events like horse sales, a cattle auction in a hotel ballroom or a sale high on the hill in Denver but I respond, "Listen, if I didn't wear a necktie to my own mother's funeral I sure as heck aren't going to wear one to sell your inbred miniature horses!"

My high school ag shop teacher told us to never wear loose fitting clothing in the work place and ties definitely fit that category. So I always use that as an excuse why I'm tieless. Once when I showed up at an auction market without a tie to work a cow sale. The sale manager said, "You are a writer, what's the worst that can happen, that you get your necktie stuck in your printer and Hewlett Packard chokes you to death?"

Hey, it could happen.

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Davis sets decision date on candidacy

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN —Wendy Davis in mid-September said she would publicly announce on Oct. 3 her decision to run, or not to run, for governor in 2014.

Sen. Davis, a Fort Worth Democrat now in her second term in the state Senate, gained acclaim in June when she filibustered for 11 hours to prevent a vote on legislation that was crafted to rechannel state-supported women's health care programs and greatly reduce access to abortion services.

Her action brought the first special session of the 83rd Texas Legislature to an end and prompted Gov. Rick Perry to call a second special session for the Republican-controlled House and Senate to pass the legislation Davis and a cohort of Democrats successfully but only temporarily managed to block.

Should Davis declare her candidacy, she almost certainly will face Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who

months ago announced his intention to seek the Republican party's nomination for governor. Abbott made his announcement to seek the governorship soon after Gov. Perry said he would not seek another term. Perry has been the state's chief executive since 2000, when as lieutenant governor he succeeded Gov. George W. Bush, who as president-elect left Texas for Washington, D.C.

Davis, 50, is a mother and an attorney. She earned her law degree from Harvard University.

OBAMACARE SIGN-UP BEGINS

With Oct. 1 marked as the open enrollment launch under the federal Affordable Care Act of 2010, the governor's office, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services

and the Department of State Health Services have had little to offer in the way of information for citizens concerned about access to health care coverage and the cost of it.

Meanwhile, however, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has been urging all Americans to visit the web site healthcare.gov to learn about the federal health care law and to enroll for coverage scheduled to begin Jan. 1. Nearly 5 million uninsured Texans reportedly will be able to get coverage under the Affordable Care Act, the federal health agency said.

Gov. Perry, an opponent of the Affordable Care Act, recently suggested that instead of "Obamacare" the federal government issue Medicaid block grants to states so Texas and other states could manage their own health care

BROWN NAMED TO HIGH COURT

Gov. Perry on Sept. 26 appointed Jeff Brown of Houston to fill the Texas Supreme Court seat vacated in September by Justice Nathan Hecht, who the governor appointed as chief justice of the court following the resignation of Chief

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Drive-Thru Flu Shots today

Family Health Center of Ozona will host the annual "Drive-Thru Flu Shot Kickoff" today, Oct. 2.

There will be extended hours this year, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. located at the EMS Building directly behind the Family Health Center.

The center will file insurance, so have your insurance card with you. This includes Medicare as well.

Medicaid does not pay for flu shots, so if you have Medicaid or do not have insurance, the cost is \$20.

Cash or check accepted, debit and credit cards cannot be taken at the drive-thru.

Wear short sleeves. You will not need to get out of your car.

We will vaccinate children 12 and older at the drive-thru, but they will need to be with a parent or guardian.

For children younger than 12, the clinic staff will be happy to give those in the clinic setting.

If you do not make it to the drive-thru, flu shots will be available after Oct. 2 at the back of the clinic on weeknights, 6-7 p.m., and weekends 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

If you are a company that normally pays for, or wants to pay for, flu shots for your employees, call Jackie Necessary at (325) 392-3788 and she will set that up for you.

For more information, call the clinic at 392-3788.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Railroad commissioner speaking at Ozona oil & gas show

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



CHRISTI CRADDICK

Texas Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick will speak at the 4th Bi-Annual South West Texas Oil & Gas Trade Show on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Civic Center.

The luncheon, open to the public, will start at 11:30 a.m. It is sponsored by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Treating Products and Devon Energy.

Cost is \$20, which includes lunch.

Craddick is expected to address economic and job growth specific to the region due to current oil and gas production, issues about the current oil and gas boom, technology and Texas water challenges, new water regulations and what to expect from Washington and the EPA in terms of the endangered species issues.

Craddick was elected in November 2012 to serve a six-year term as Texas Railroad Commissioner.

A native of Midland, Craddick is an attorney specializing in oil and gas, water, tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy.

Craddick formerly served as president of a grassroots advocacy firm specializing in coalition building in the public policy arena and development and implementation of issue strategies.

Craddick served as the chief political and legal advisor to the

Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Tom Craddick from 2002-2011, the first Republican Speaker in over

100 years.

In 1994-95, Craddick clerked at the law firm of Jackson Walker, L.L.P., formerly Small, Craig & Werkinthin, where she specialized in agricultural, electric deregulation, environmental and tax issues.

In 1994, she worked in the legal department of the Railroad Commission of Texas and at the Third Court of Appeals. Craddick also clerked at the law firms of Scott Douglas & McConnico in Austin and Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson in Midland in 1993.

In 1991, she served on the staff of U.S. Congressman Joe Barton.

Craddick earned her bachelor's degree as a Plan II graduate and her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Craddick resides in Austin with her daughter, Catherine, and is an active member of St. Austin's Catholic Church.

For more information, or to RSVP, call the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737 or visit www.ozona.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Annual meeting and program Monday

BY LOUISE LEDOUX
CROCKETT COUNTY LIBRARIAN



"How Do Wind Turbines Fit Into The Land?"

The opinions of ranchers in four states about wind turbines and transmission lines and how they fit—or do not fit—with the ranchers' philosophies of land use have been published in a new book by Scott White titled "Viento - Wind, Turbines and Ranchland: Exploring the Impacts of Wind Energy in the Southwest."

The 72-page, full-color book contains photos of many of the ranchers interviewed and is the result of interviews recorded by White, who is oral historian and curator of art at the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University.

Published by the NRHC museum and the Ranching Heritage Association, "Viento" is available for \$20 at the NRHC, 3121 Fourth Street, Lubbock, and on the NRHC website, www.nrhc.ttu.edu.

Information gleaned in the three-year social research project provides insights into why the ranchers and landowners have chosen to have wind turbines on their land, while others oppose them being anywhere they might even be seen.

"Wind turbines have altered many landowners' perceptions of the future of ranching, particularly of how the presence of turbines, transmission lines and construction crews on

their land might fit in with the traditions, culture and ideology of the ranching culture," White said.

Scott White from the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech will discuss his book, "Viento: Wind, Turbines & Ranchland."

The book, which covers the pros and cons of wind turbines, is based on interviews with a number of ranchers from Texas and other states, including quite a few in the Crockett County area.

Mr. White will have his book for sale and signing after the program.

The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 7, at the Civic Center from 6-9 p.m.

The Guadalupana Ladies of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will cater a Mexican buffet.

Tickets for the meal and program are \$12 and can be purchased from any Friends member or at the Public Library.

RSVP by Friday, Oct. 4. Get your tickets today and don't miss this informative program on wind turbines by Scott White. Come check it out!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 2

- Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at the EMS Building.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Fourth Bi-Annual South West Texas Oil & Gas Trade Show 2nd Bi-Annual Pump Jack Golf Open, 1-7 p.m. at the Ozona Country Club, followed by Welcom Reception, 7-9 p.m. at the Ozona Country Club.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Oct. 3

- Fourth Bi-Annual South West Texas Oil & Gas Trade Show, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center; Networking Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Tacos Tapatios fund-raiser, 11 a.m. at Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, corner of Secretariat and Man-O-War.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Oct. 4

- CCCCSD end of the first six weeks.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- 42, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Saturday, Oct. 5

- OHS Varsity Cross-Country Teams in the McNeil Invitational at Round Rock.
- OMS Cross-Country Teams at Junction.
- Ozona YMCA Football, Pee Wee vs. Sonora at 10 a.m. and Heavy Weights vs. Sonora at 3 p.m. in Big Lake.
- OHS Band at the San Angelo Marching Festival, 5:30 p.m. at San Angelo Stadium.

Monday, Oct. 6

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Woman's League meeting, 6 p.m.
- OHS Band practice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Program, 6-9 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- JV and OMS Cross-Country Teams at Eldorado.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Area Agency on Aging, 10-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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Oct. 4 - Bryce Gutierrez, Christopher Rodriguez, Kurtlan Reyes, Jesus Guerra, Mike Vitela and Ray Ramos

Oct. 5 - Benita Castellanos, Jose M. Esparza Jr., Avery Sofia Fierro, Ormaldo Meza and Ashlynn Borrego

Oct. 6 - Ted Cotton, Adam Madrid, Dorothy Perez, Baylor Myers, Jose Martinez Jr. and Mary Ybarra

Oct. 7 - Salomon Duron Jr., Virginia Bishop, Frances Flanagan, Tonala Thomas, Nancy Davis, Jack Adams and Austin Suddreth

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OCTOBER 2

· Beef tips with gravy, baked potato, peas and carrots, white roll, mandarin fruit fluff and 2 percent milk.

OCTOBER 3

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OCTOBER 4

· Grill Oregano Chicken, Baby Lima Beans, stewed Tomatoes, Roll, Emerald Pears, 2 percent Milk

OCTOBER 7

· Beef stew, Seasoned Zucchini, Hot Spiced Apples, Whole Wheat Bread, Cole-slaw, 2 percent milk

OCTOBER 8

· Lemon Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Banana Pudding with Vanilla Wafers, 2 percent Milk

OCTOBER 9

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PAUL C. PERNER IV | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
OMS AND OHS STUDENTS gathered Sept. 25 for See You at the Pole. See You at the Pole, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with 10 students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.



OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Lots of activities at the Senior Center

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Wow, Ruidoso is a really pretty place to visit. There was a lot of excitement up there with 15,000 motorcycles running (roaring) around. We did not know the Aspen Cade Motorcycle Rally was going to be there. Royce and I went there some 40 years ago on cycles and the noise did not bother us at all.

It's funny how age seems to change our perspectives. Then on Sunday we went to Alamogordo and saw more balloons.

Two times in one year. How lucky can a person be? They had Smoky the Bear and Snoopy in his plane and a whole lot of beautiful, colorful balloons. Too much fun. Anyway, we are back now and it is always good to be home.

Ozona is a good place to call home.

Lynne Carlson with Area Agency on Aging will be here Tuesday Oct. 8. She is also the representative for the Concho Valley Transit and Thunderbird. Come and express your concerns about this to her. She is very knowledgeable on Medicare and Medicaid and changes that are coming in the future. She might have some info on getting funds from the govern-

ment to help out. Come see her and learn.

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency will not be coming to Ozona in October, November or December. However, they said they might help with the utility bills for these months if you call them at (325) 653-1680.

Remember, if you need legal assistance from Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc. give me a call and I will give you their numbers. They are the ones that provide free legal services for eligible low-income persons.

I have ordered new Therabands and Theraballs for the balance exercise. Come on out on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. and try them out.

The trade table continues to be a good thing. There are puzzles that need putting together. We are all decorated up for homecoming. Come get in the spirit for the kids.

Exercise 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bridge Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Balance exercise Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Mexican Train 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Prayer Group Wednesday at 3 p.m. Quilting Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. '42' dominos Friday at 3 p.m.

Come on out, the coffee is on.

Answers on Aging Tuesday

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County.

AAA staff will be presenting over Durable Medical Equipment and will be available to help seniors on an individual basis on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 10-11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Needing to learn more about services offered? "Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services? Staff will be available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Programs that are housed in the Area Agency

on Aging include: Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling, Care Coordination, Caregiver Support, Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents), and 2-1-1 Texas of the Concho Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services).

A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available.

Feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you.

For more information, call Myda Robles, at the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or at 1-877-944-9666.



THE GARBAGE PILE

Last week I took my wife to a major city to get some allergy tests. On the way home I noticed a large man made hill outside the city. It was several hundred feet tall and you could not tell what was on the inside because they were covering it with dirt. I have a good friend who drove a city garbage truck for years and on certain days of the week he would make his route and pick up the garbage. Thinking about that tall hill and garbage being picked up reminds me of something in the Bible. What does God do with sins? If we have never asked God to forgive our sins they are still with us just like garbage that does not get picked up. Garbage not picked up or still in the house can get a little smelly. On the other hand sins that we have confessed or asked God to forgive are removed and taken away, (1 John 3:5, Psalm 103:12). If we never confess or repent of our sins they can pile up and up, (Romans 3:23& 6:23, 1 John 1:8&10, Revelation 18:5). The only way God can forgive our sins is because of the atoning death of Jesus Christ, (1John 1:7-9). It is not enough to confess our sins we must put our trust in Jesus Christ, then God can forgive, (Romans 5:1, Revelation 1:5).
See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.	Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona EverySecond Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.	Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.		Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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State gets waiver from No Child Left Behind

BY MORGAN SMITH
TEXAS TRIBUNE

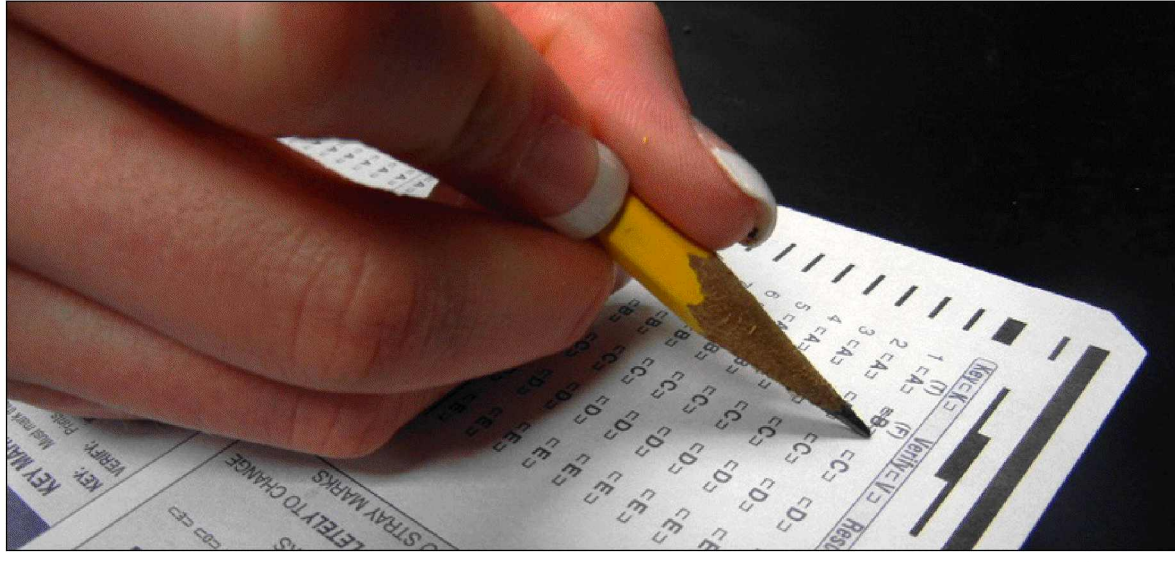
After nearly a year of negotiations, the state has finally secured a waiver from No Child Left Behind, the Texas Education Agency announced Monday.

With the reprieve, only the lowest-performing 15 percent of schools will be subject to a series of federally prescribed interventions, instead of what would have been nearly all of the state's school districts next year because of a failure to meet the law's requirement that 100 percent of their students pass reading and math exams by 2014. Struggling school districts will also no longer be required to set aside 20 percent of their funding for remedial tutoring services.

"The underlying message throughout our negotiations with the federal government has been Texans know what's best for Texas schools," TEA commissioner Michael L. Williams said in a statement. "I believe our school districts will appreciate the additional flexibility this waiver provides while also adhering to our strong principles on effective public education."

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a letter to the agency that he had granted the waiver for the 2013-14 school year with the condition that Texas continue development of a new teacher evaluation system. The Obama administration has pushed for student achievement on standardized tests to be included as a review of teacher performance, while the agency has said it does not have the authority to require districts to use a specific evaluation measure.

In the final waiver approved by Duncan, the TEA agreed to continue to solicit input about how best to include student growth in evaluations, including the possibility of weighing performance on statewide tests at 20



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percent of a teacher's assessment. It also has yet to decide what factors it will use to determine the bottom 15 percent of school districts.

During a Monday conference call with reporters, Williams said that the state would pilot the new evaluation system in about 40 districts statewide during the 2014-15 school year. He would then "invite, encourage, cajole" the remaining districts to adopt it for the following year.

When asked whether he would push for the authority to require districts to use the state-developed system during the next legislative session, Williams left the option open. He said the agency had not yet focused on a legislative agenda.

Texas decided to ask for the waiver of the nearly a year ago and had been one of just nine states still waiting for a reprieve from the federal education law.

The delay was the result of ongoing negotiations over the state's approach to evaluating teacher performance. The stalemate over including student achievement on standardized tests as a component of the evaluations led Texas officials to submit a revised application. But even language included in the updated appli-

cation said school district participation in a new evaluation system, which is still under development, would be voluntary.

It's an awkward position for the state, said Linda Bridges, the president of the Texas branch of the American Federation of Teachers, before the waiver was announced.

"I think they are somewhat in a difficult position with the waiver. Either the commissioner is going to have to ignore legislative intent and look at that as a major factor, or he's going to have to be very clear about that issue being a factor and then look at other multiple measures of evaluation," she said.

During the most recent legislative session, efforts to emphasize student achievement as a part of teacher eval-

uations stalled. Senate Education Chairman Dan Patrick, R-Houston, was forced to drop a section from a bill that would have opened the door to tying students' standardized tests scores to teacher performance because of concerns over whether the tests could accurately reflect student learning.

Such proposals have also faced questions about evaluating teachers whose students aren't required to take annual standardized tests. Texas students begin taking state standardized exams in third grade. Before they reach high school, they are tested each year in reading and math but less frequently in subjects like science, writing and social studies.

The possibility of a new conversation over including student achievement in teach-

er evaluations comes as good news, however, for teacher-quality advocates who have argued that it is essential to providing meaningful feedback to educators.

John Fitzpatrick, the executive director of Educate Texas, the organization that launched the Texas Teaching Commission in the hopes of encouraging reforms, said support for the policy lagged during the legislative session because it was overshadowed by more urgent topics.

"We look forward to having this issue really get a full consideration because it was not a majority priority or a high visibility topic this session," he said.

Without the federal waiver, nearly all of the state's school districts would have been subject to sanctions next year, including forced restructuring, for failing to meet the

law's requirement that 100 percent of their students pass reading and math exams. When the state applied for the waiver last September — one of Williams' first acts after he was appointed — it did so without agreeing to conditions Duncan had attached to waivers offered to other states.

Before the waiver was announced, Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said the state must maintain as much flexibility for school districts as possible in its agreement with the federal government. She said additional details of conversations with the education department have been kept confidential.

"I think they are dealing with us in good faith," she said. "We took a different route on our waiver than other states, and that has just taken them a little more time to figure out how to handle it."

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OHS Homecoming next week

OHS will celebrate Homecoming next week. Dress Up Days are: Monday - Pajama Day Tuesday - Twin Day Wednesday - Topsey Turvey Day Thursday - Nerd Day Friday - Spirit Day Bonfire will be around 8 p.m. Oct. 10 behind the Se-

nior Center. Friday afternoon will feature the annual parade starting at the OHS Davidson Gym and ending at Lion Stadium for the pep rally. Anyone interested in having a float for the parade, call Tiffany Esparza at 277-6249 or the OHS Office at 392-5501 ext. 5711.

OHS Student of the Week



Sierra Stokes

OMS Students of the Week



Josh Knaack and Denise Rodriguez

OES Students of the Week



Kaleigh Thomas



Michael Trey Preddy



THE OHS BAND marches onto the field Friday night at the Sonora football game. The band will perform in the San Angelo Marching Festival at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in San Angelo Stadium. This year's marching show theme is "Mysteries of the Nile."

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Congratulations from *to our players of the week!*

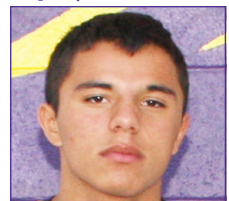
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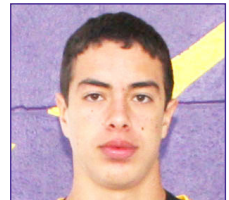
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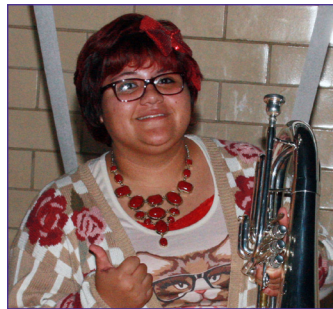


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JV QUARTERBACK JADON PEREZ (center) hands the ball off to Dakota Lee during the JV Lions game against Sonora last week at Lion Stadium. Ozona lost 48-21.

CHRIS CANTU AND JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

CROSS-COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 5

Varsity in McNeil

Saturday, Oct. 5

Middle School in Junction

OHS BAND

Saturday, Oct. 5

5:30 p.m. San Angelo

Marching Festival

in San Angelo

Stadium



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D'Hanis	7
Crane	42
Forsan	2
Eldorado	40
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Junction	27
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Reagan County	14
Wall	43
Brady	13
Mason	56
San Saba	10
Sabinal	69
Center Point	21
Bangs	69
Grape Creek	15
Iraan	31
Wink	14
Harper	52
Nueces Canyon	0



OZONA LIONS Hazael Damian and Zack Taylor rush to stop the Broncos during Friday's game at Sonora.

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LIONS: *from page 1*

passes for 80 yards. Tyler Galindo was Ozona's top receiver catching the ball three times for 65 yards.

The Lions are 2-3 heading into district play next week against Center Point.

"I look for our guys to heal up and get focused for district play now. We are going to reiterate the basics and focus on the tiny details of our base offense that we can now have time to really correct through repetition. Defensively, I believe we have

now come to find a great rotation and have kids in the right spots to make a difference in district play. We are all looking forward to district play," Perez said.

Ozona will take on the Pirates at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at Lion Stadium.

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THE OMS SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE BANDS perform at last week's OMS Pep Rally in the middle school gym.

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Eighth Grade Lions fight hard against Sonora

The Eighth Grade Lions lost to Sonora 42-6 on Sept. 26 in Sonora.

"The Lions fought hard. The guys never hung their heads and continued to fight back. We played some good defense at times and were able to put them into fourth and long situations. We were just never able to capitalize on the situations. We had a few long drives two of which had us set up inside the Sonora 10 yard-line, but penalties kept us from getting to the end zone," said Coach John Esparza.

Ozona's running backs (Mark Ybarra, Rigo Gonzalez, and Eloy Soto) did a great job of cutting down the defenders on outside runs.

The Lions would find the

end zone in the third quarter after a 75-yard drive that had quarterback Kobe Rodriguez find Rigo Gonzalez in the end zone for a 17-yard touch-down pass.

"There are plenty of things we need to continue to work on and continue to improve. We have a break before beginning our district schedule. I can not stress how proud I am of the effort and class shown by our athletes," Esparza said.

Also playing for the Lions: Ryan Ramos, Michael Garcia, Lane Rust, William Lofland, Brandon Jara, Adrian Trevino, Marc Flores, Calib Bullard, Andy Hernandez, Lalo Rodriguez and Danny Posadas.

Seventh Grade Lions fall to Broncos

The Seventh Grade Lions lost to Sonora 22-0 on Sept. 26 at Sonora.

"It was a tough loss to a rival. Anytime we play Sonora we want to come out on top no matter what we are competing in. We did a better job of running the offense this week and were able to control the ball for most of the first half," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions had some great plays from all over the field, especially some great open field tackles from Austin Hokit, Juan Lozano and Brian Salinas.

Hokit also had a big time interception before the half that kept Sonora from scor-

ing inside Ozona's five yard-line.

"Although we had flashes of being good, we have got to put together four quarters of football and continue to gain confidence. As always we were proud of the effort that all of our young athletes displayed," Esparza said.

Also playing for the Lions were: Dylan Mendoza, Deven Gruber, Edgar Guajardo, Josh Knaack, David Landin, Coulter McWilliams, Carlos Martinez, Ryan Pena, Marcus Perez and Irving Rodriguez.



OMS TEACHERS AND STAFF (left to right) Lisa Hartman, Leanna Childress, Maria Perez and Dana Criswell show off their OMS Pep Rally spirit.

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OMS CHEERLEADERS perform at the OMS Pep Rally last week in the middle school gym.

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Card of Thanks



On behalf of our daughter, Avery Ryne Talamantes, our family would like to extend our sincerest thanks and most heartfelt gratitude to our family, friends, co-workers, and to the many others in the Ozona community for their generosity, love, prayers, and support during our newborn daughter's hospitalization. You have blessed and inspired our family through your act of kindness.

We feel it is important to acknowledge and thank all of those who gave of themselves, their time, and efforts in our time of need. You displayed camaraderie and community spirit from start to finish and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

It is truly amazing how in times of need, perfect strangers came together and united as family to help their neighbor. It is this kind of generosity, caring, and warmth that makes Ozona an exceptional community and we offer you our sincerest thanks and gratitude. Words cannot express what your kindness and selfless love has meant to us. We are indebted to you forever. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, The Talamantes Family



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7TH & 8TH GRADE:
 Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;
 Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;
 Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL:
 Monday: 7-10 p.m.;
 Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;
 Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;
 Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;
 Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight
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FIRST REPORT

2011-2012 District Status Detail



OHS FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS visited with Ozona Head Start Students Friday morning.



DISTRICT JUDGE PETE GOMEZ completed his first 10K race Saturday at the St. Ann's Festival Fun Run in Midland. Gomez has competed in various other races, including several 5K events. His next goal is to run a half-marathon. Gomez is the 112th Judicial District Judge for Crockett, Sutton, Reagan, Pecos and Upton counties.



OHS CHEERLEADERS AND MASCOT "LUCKY" THE LION helped out with Care Center Bingo earlier this month.

Garrison is growing and going to Kindergarten now! **HAPPY SIXTH BIRTHDAY!**

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Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40... Haley Carson Najar on Oct. 5, 2013 Happy Birthday! from Momma & Daddy

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

The residents enjoyed homemade flour tortillas made by Flor Harris and Marta De La Garza. They were delicious. Hope they make them again soon.

The residents, staff, visitors, cheerleaders and mascot enjoyed an afternoon playing Grand Bingo.

The game was sponsored by the OHS Cheerleaders who provided all kinds of game paraphernalia. They helped the residents who were not able to play on their own.

Everyone had a wonderful time and we will continue to play Grand Bingo at least once a month. We will still play our regular game of bingo on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Come join us when you are able.

Thanks to the Stichin' Sisters, the ladies at the Care Center are quilting another blanket. They are working fast and furious to complete this one also. Hopefully there will be several ladies that take part. Keep quilting ladies.

We will be starting a new

section of Care Center stories, which will be written by our very own residents.

They will be stories of experiences they have gone through and things they remember from the "good old days."

Look for the first article next month. You will really enjoy reading and maybe even relating to these stories.

Thank you Terrell and Ivan for supplying the activities department with new scissors and glue sticks. They will really come in handy with all the projects that we have started.

September activities:

The week of Sept. 1 the residents worked on a craft to decorate the glass case for football season. They also enjoyed sharing stories from the olden days. It was a very interesting time.

The week of Sept. 8 sunflowers were made. They were finished and hung in the rooms. Residents enjoyed trivia, other crafts and also enjoyed listening to James Pagan sing along with Sonny and Cher (Adrienne and Tonya). Great job, guys.

The week of Sept. 15 was dedicated to football and pep rally. The residents started making lion head pins that they will wear during football season.

The week of Sept. 22 the residents finished their lion head pins. Everyone had an awesome time with Mexican Bingo. Thank you Flor Harris for helping us out with that. The residents enjoyed a birthday party on Thursday where they were served cake and punch. Thanks to all the staff that helped out.

The week of Sept. 29 is a short week, so plans are to play a few table games like skip-bo, other card games and movies.

October activities will be in the October newsletter. Anyone that wants to join us for activities, you are more than welcomed. We can always use help with Bingo and Noodle Ball.

Thanks to Yolanda Flores and Lena Tambunga for helping every week with Bingo and snacks.

The residents' costume and birthday party will be held Oct. 31.

4th Bi-Annual South West Texas Oil & Gas Trade Show

Thursday, October 3, 2013
Ozona, TX - Crockett County

Wednesday, October 2nd:
Fair Park Convention Center
Exhibitor Registration & Set-up, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Ozona Country Club
"Pump Jack" Golf Open, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Reception & Supper Hosted by DCP Midstream, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 3rd:
Fair Park Convention Center
Trade Show 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "___ above the rest"
- 5 Ranger Joe Nathan objective
- 6 TXism: "hard as folding ___ in a windstorm"
- 7 rank and ___
- 8 TX Perot ran as one in '92
- 16 famous TX case: ___ v. Wade
- 17 crosstown rival of Odessa Permian
- 21 position of Ranger Elvis (abbr.)
- 22 Looney Tunes' Elmer ___
- 23 San Augustine: "The ___ of Texas"
- 24 TXism: "at the drop ___"
- 29 TXism for "little" TX Austin's "Deep ___" was TX first swimming pool
- 30 noted TX racer A.J. ___
- 31 ___ Campo, TX
- 32 location of Houston Texans opponent Patriots
- 34 this Thomas was 1st TX female in the U.S. Congress
- 35 traffic tie-up in Houston or Dallas
- 36 '47 romance film by TX Greer Garson
- 37 Elm ____, TX
- 38 El ____, TX
- 39 "Gone With The Wind" plantation
- 40 TXism: "___ the Lord and pass the ammunition!"
- 43 cattle auction bid
- 44 A&M-Kingsville was formerly Texas ___
- 45 old west justice: "___ feathers"
- 46 TXism: "___-horse town"
- 47 TX pitching legend: ___ Ryan
- 49 TXism: "___ sheared like a spring lamb" (cheated)
- 50 2nd TX gov., Wood (init.)
- 51 TX Buck's "___ Haw"
- 52 child's game
- 53 Lee Harvey Oswald's wife (init.)

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "brave ___ teacher"
- 2 old TX royal roads: "___ reales"
- 3 Dale Evans town
- 4 early Indian dwelling
- 9 TXism: "___ the pavement" (walk)
- 10 Austin's "Deep ___" was TX first swimming pool
- 11 TX-based western: "___ Blessing"
- 12 this Smith was Cowboys LB ('93-'96) (init.)
- 13 prom date
- 14 TXism: "___ soul" (no one)
- 15 TXism: "___ dog won't hunt"
- 18 TXism: "___ have to get better to die"
- 19 Jackie of TX-based "Smokey and the Bandit II"
- 20 TX "Who's the Boss?" actress Katherine
- 22 TXism: "he'll be late to his own ___"
- 24 TX Coleman '81 film: "___ Golden Pond"
- 25 TX Guadalupe is a spring-___ river
- 26 TXism: "does ___ dog stink?" (yes) "___ show" (didn't attend)
- 27 TXism: "he'll be late to his own ___"
- 28 TXism: "could talk the legs off ___ stove"
- 29 Panhandle town
- 30 Hidalgo's Borderfest, e.g.
- 33 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___Sueur
- 34 Mavs in '03 Western Conference finals (2 wds.)
- 35 TXns fought against this country in WWII
- 37 TXism: "burn the ___ oil"
- 38 ___ chute
- 41 TX Toomay's "On ___ Given Sunday"
- 42 TX ___ Farley's Boys Ranch
- 45 youngster
- 48 TX Buddy Holly's real "Peggy Sue"?

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Challenges in Texas, including keeping up with infrastructure issues, are ones that the state can manage, Uresti said.

"Every other state looks to Texas and wishes they had the natural resources Texas has, and wishes they had the savings account," Uresti said. "We have to protect the golden goose that is the Eagle Ford."

On the issue of water, Crownover said it was "silly" to criticize the industry's water use because statewide the industry only uses 1-2 percent across the state.

King said that in many rural communities, where drilling takes place, the amount might be around 20-30 percent.

"It's important to recognize the perception of the folks that live and work in those places," King said.

Hilderbran said voting in favor of Proposition 6 in the Nov. 5 state amendment election will help with water utilities across the state.

If passed, the proposition would provide for the cre-

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Carlos Uresti

State Senator for District 19, D-San Antonio

ation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.

He also said many companies are now using brackish water and recycling water for hydraulic fracturing.

"We are on the right track to solve our water problems in the future," Hilderbran said. "If the oil and gas industry isn't prospering then the rest of the state is suffering."

On transportation, Hilderbran said that is was a shame that paved roads are being torn up by the Texas Department of Transportation and turning them into gravel because transportation officials don't have the money to maintain them due to the influx of heavy oilfield traffic.

Uresti said a bill he filed passed this session that will give counties \$225 million to help fund roads.

Crockett County is expected to receive up to \$1 million in funding from the bill.

He also said the pavement-to-gravel plan is "a step backward."

"I understand TxDOT's concerns, but I don't think this is the way to meet them," Uresti said. "This bill is a step in the right direction, but we have more work to do."

When it comes to community impact, King said the cost of living has surged in many places impacted by the drilling boom making it tough for people to pay their bills.

Uresti said communities are benefiting as a whole, but "there are growing pains."

For instance, some struggle to attract talent to essen-

tial jobs, like school bus drivers, when many workers are flocking to higher-paying oil and gas jobs.

Uresti also said energy company's multimillion-dollar investments in Texas-based headquarters are proof that this boom will be around for a while. He said he recently attended the opening of Halliburton's new headquarters in San Antonio.

Dewitt County Judge Daryl Fowler, an audience member, thanks the legislators on the panel for fighting to address the industry's "devastating" impact on county roads.

He said he's a big supporter of the industry and the tax revenue it brings, but he says that overall the impacted counties need more of that revenue.

For more articles on the Texas Tribune Festival, visit www.texastribune.org.

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the same manner as every other county in Texas."

Others might be concerned that passage of Proposition 8 would increase the taxes for property owners in Hidalgo County since a hospital district could be created with a tax rate as high as 75 cents per \$100 valuation of all property.

VOTING INFORMATION

The nonpartisan LWV-Texas Education Fund Voters Guide for the Constitutional Amendment Election with the ballot language, an explanation, and balanced arguments for and against each proposition plus helpful information on the new photo ID requirement and other aspects of voting is available on www.lwvtexas.org and www.VOTE411.org

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ment page on www.lwvtexas.org provides additional information on the constitutional amendment process and proposals considered by the 2013 Texas Legislature.

For those not already registered to vote, the deadline to register is Monday, Oct. 7. Voters can check to their registration by calling the county voter registrar or online at <https://team1.sos.state.tx.us/voter-ws/viw/faces/SearchSelection-Voter.jsp>. Eligible voters needing to register can complete and mail the application form at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml>.

Local voter registration is available at the Crockett County Tax Office in the courthouse annex.

Early voting begins Oct. 21. Crockett County voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the courthouse annex during the early voting period.

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Meador said the district is looking at improvements in the Crockett Heights area, on Avenue G and in the area around Ozona Elementary School.

These improvements will include a new lift station, wa-

ter lines, water meters, a new radio-read metering system, and emergency generators for several of the lift stations and water stations throughout the system.

Also included in the project will be sludge removal from the existing treatment lagoon and a treatment disinfection system installed at

the existing wastewater treatment plant.

"Water is life. Thanks to this funding, more than 4,000 residents in Crockett County will have access to better quality drinking water.

As someone who grew up in a rural community, I'm well aware of some of the challenges rural residents face.

Every child in this country should have access to quality water," Gallego (D-Alpine) said in a press release.

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